



## September-October 2016 Travel Newsletter

***Explore, Dream, Travel with the Cupertino Senior Center!***

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### ***Scheduled Extended Trips include:***

September 16-25	Heritage of America
Oct. 30-Nov. 16	Crystal Cruise – Panama Canal

***See Trip Details inside!***



## Share Discovery through Travel!

*Enjoy the many adventures created especially for members of the Cupertino Senior Center including wonderful local day trips and explorative extended tours.*

### Membership Benefits

- Your Senior Center Membership of just \$27 per year (\$22 for residents of Cupertino), entitles you to participate in classes, socials, trips to receive help through our social services office and other activities that are free only to members. Your membership includes a permit to park in the senior center parking lot while you attend senior center activities.
- As a member you will receive six issues of the bi-monthly newsletter “*The 50+ Scene*,” either by mail or email.
- Membership is open to residents and non-residents age 50 and wiser. Cupertino residents receive a discounted rate for their membership.

### Trip Sign Ups

- Members may register for new trips beginning on the first Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November at the Cupertino Senior Center. We encourage you to arrive by 7:30am to hear about the new trips being offered.
- If you are unable to join us for new trip sign up day, members may pick up a Trip Reservation Form in the flyer rack and fill it out in advance. Your completed reservation form and payment will be processed in the order received after walk-in registrations are completed.
- Non-members are eligible to sign up for new trips one week after member sign up eligibility.
- Trip registration continues as long as there are openings; wait lists are available.

### Trip Activity Levels

- Due to the strenuous nature of traveling and touring we encourage you to see the activity level listed on the trip flyer to determine whether the trip is right for you. Call the travel office if you have further questions about the trip activities. If you would like to have a family member or friend assist you on the trip, please contact the travel office at 408-777-3154.

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Creating a Positive, Healthy, and Connected Community

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**Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 am-5 pm**

## Day Trips

### **An Evening with Engelbert Humperdinck**

**Sunday, September 18, 5-10:30pm**

**\$124 per person**

Join us for a fabulously entertaining night with the one and only Englebert Humperdinck! With over 150 million records sold, four Grammy nominations, a Golden Globe for Entertainer of the Year (1988), 63 gold and 24 platinum records, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Humperdinck might rest easy on his laurels. Instead, in the past few years, he has joined an elite group of musical artists, such as Tony Bennett and Burt Bacharach, who continue to delight audiences all over the world. Some of the timeless hits that belong to Engelbert include "(Please) Release Me," "After The Lovin'," "Spanish Eyes," "The Last Waltz," "Am I That Easy To Forget?," "There Goes My Everything," "Les Bicyclettes de Belsize," "Winter World Of Love," "This Moment In Time," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and the unforgettable "Quando, Quando, Quando." Before the show, we will enjoy the delectable offerings available in San Pedro Square, including favorites like the Old Spaghetti Factory, as well as newcomers like the Farmers' Union, for a no-host dinner. You can also try one of the many exciting cuisines in the San Pedro Square Market, including Konjoe Burger, Vino Vino, Spuds, Pizza Bocca Lupo, Loteria Taco Bar and more!

- TRIP INCLUDES: Admission, transportation, tips, and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low to Moderate; walking at your own pace

### **Exploring Gems of Santa Cruz**

**Wednesday, September 28, 8am-5:15pm**

**\$86 per person**

Nature is in full bloom in Santa Cruz and we will experience it during our two private docent-led tours! The UC Santa Cruz Arboretum, established in 1967, is a rich and diverse collection containing representatives of more than 300 plant families. The arboretum maintains collections of rare and threatened plants of unusual scientific interest, including 90 species of Eucalyptus and large groupings from South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, and California natives. The grapevines of Santa Cruz County are in the height of their season, as wineries begin their "crush." We will enjoy a private docent-led tour of the Bargetto Winery and learn its rich history before we sit down to learn about their award-winning wines. The Bargetto brothers, originally from Italy, closed their first winery in San Francisco due to Prohibition. They bought land in Soquel in 1917 where their current winery still stands and thrives. Their family invites experience the long tradition and dramatic beauty of this internationally acclaimed appellation. We will enjoy time on Pacific Avenue in downtown Santa Cruz for a no-host lunch and shopping! With places to eat such as *Roise McCann's Irish Pub and Restaurant* (comfort), *Laili Restaurant* (Mediterranean), *El Palomar Restaurant* (Mexican), *Kiantis Pizza and Pasta Bar* (Italian), and *Zachary's Restaurant* (American) your palate will surely be satisfied.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Two docent-led tours, admission, tasting, transportation, tips, and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate to High; walking tour outdoors on uneven ground

**Registration continues until trip is full; waitlist available once trip is full.  
For registration information call (408) 777-3150.**

## Day Trips

### **Fleet Week: The Blue Angels and Parade of Ships**

**Friday, October 7, 8:30am-6pm**

**\$128 per person**

Come join us for Fleet Week starring the Blue Angels and the Parade of Ships as they arrive in San Francisco! We'll watch the jaw-dropping precision of the Navy air show pilots overhead as the spectacular Blue Angels roar in over the Golden Gate Bridge! Six navy fighter planes perform frighteningly daring stunts over San Francisco Bay - this is precision flying at its most breathtaking. Enjoy a premium vantage point for the Parade of Navy Ships and the Blue Angels air show from our waterfront box seats along the Marina Green. We will also have access to food booths and vendors along the Marina Green, as well as the Fleet Week Humanitarian Village, illustrating the military working together for emergency preparedness in San Francisco. The Parade of Ships will signal the start of the 2016 San Francisco Fleet Week as they sail majestically under the Golden Gate Bridge. Participating ships will include the USS Cape St. George, the USS Coronado, the USS Stockdale, and the US Coast Guard Cutter Boutwell. Nearly 4,500 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen will participate in this year's event. A special air show will start us out with a series of stunt planes swooping and looping above the water. Performances by other aircraft will include the U.S. Navy Leap Frogs (parachutists), Sean D. Tucker and Team Oracle (biplane stunts), The Patriots Jet Team, and Royal Canadian Air Force jet. New this year is the F-22 Raptor fighter jet, a highly maneuverable, tactical fighter jet with stealth capabilities. It can fly at twice the speed of sound!

- TRIP INCLUDES: Premium box seats, tickets, transportation, tips, and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low to moderate; walking, standing and uneven surfaces, outdoor event

### **The Art and Evolution of the Guitar**

**Friday, October 14, 10am-6pm**

**\$98 per person**

Join us on a private, docent-led tour of the special exhibit *Medieval to Metal: The Art & Evolution of the Guitar* at the Haggin Museum. This exhibition will give us an opportunity to explore the art, history, and cultural impact of the world's most popular musical instrument over the past four hundred years to modern times. Design illustrations and photographs will provide a rich context for exploring the artistic components of the guitar, as well as 40 instruments ranging from the rare and antique, to the wildly popular and innovative. *Medieval To Metal: The Art & Evolution of the Guitar* is an exciting and engaging experience that gives you the chance to interact with the guitar. Watch its evolution over centuries, from the earliest ouds and lutes, to its iconic hourglass shape, as guitar makers experimented with design, materials, and accessories, seeking the perfect blend of beauty and sound. Before the tour at Haggin Museum we will enjoy a tasty hosted lunch at the Zephyr Grill & Bar in Livermore. Here we will enjoy delectable starters and have your choice of variety of entrées: a thick and juicy grilled, double cut pork chop served in a pool of whole grain mustard sauce; pan-seared, blackened sea bass served with a lemon butter sauce; or spinach gorgonzola ravioli served with a rich basil pesto parmesan cheese sauce. We will finish our lunch with a delicious dessert!

- TRIP INCLUDES: Lunch, admission, docent-led tour, transportation, tips, and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low to moderate; a one hour walking tour

**Registration continues until trip is full; waitlist available once trip is full.  
For registration information call (408) 777-3150.**

## Day Trips

### **Pumpkin Farm Tour and Sam's Chowder House in Half Moon Bay**

**Wednesday, October 19, 9am-4:30pm**

**\$92 per person**

In celebration of the fall harvest season, join us for a pumpkin-filled day in Half Moon Bay! Come and enjoy our private tour of Pastorino's Pumpkin Farm in Half Moon Bay. The Pastorino Farms pumpkin patch started in 1971 and has grown into a thriving and popular place to shop for pumpkins. During the pumpkin season the gift barn is turned into a showplace for hand-crafted items, delicately designed goodies from around the globe, seasonal decorations, and specialized gifts for the harvest season. The Pastorino farm began as a wholesale flower nursery, so we'll also tour the nursery and enjoy the beautiful flowers, indoor and outdoor houseplants, along with seasonal blooms. Come enjoy this truly magical experience in an atmosphere of an autumn harvest! After the pumpkin farm tour, we'll enjoy a scrumptious lunch at Sam's Chowder House. Nestled on a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Half Moon Bay, Sam's offers stunning views, true oceanfront outdoor dining, and a casual and authentic seafood experience reminiscent of an East Coast style seafood house. On our way back, we'll stop at Historic Downtown Main Street for some browsing and window shopping. From the delicious restaurants to eclectic boutiques, and quirky art and antique shops, there's something for everyone. Half Moon Bay Main Street offers an enchanting mix of old and new, where long established local farm families live elbow-to-elbow with well-heeled retirees and urban expats who've only recently grown hip to this secret by the sea.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Lunch at the harbor, tour, transportation, tips, and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate; walking on sidewalks and uneven surfaces

### **The Lion King**

**Thursday, November 3, 10am-6pm**

**\$146 per person**

Giraffes strut. Birds swoop. Gazelles leap. The entire Serengeti comes to life as never before. And as the music soars, Pride Rock slowly emerges from the mist. This is Disney's *The Lion King*, making its triumphant return to the SHN Orpheum Theatre! Join the more than 85 million people around the world who have who experienced the awe-inspiring visual artistry, the unforgettable music, and the uniquely theatrical storytelling of this Broadway spectacular – one of the most breathtaking and beloved productions ever to grace the stage. Winner of six Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, *The Lion King* brings together stunning visuals with one of the most imaginative creative teams on Broadway, in addition to some of Broadway's most recognizable music, crafted by Tony Award®-winning artists Elton John and Tim Rice. Experience first-hand this story filled with hope and adventure, as *The Lion King* comes to life! We will start off this enthralling afternoon with a no-host lunch at one of the immense variety of restaurants available at the Westfield San Francisco Centre.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Admission, transportation, tips, and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low; walking at your own pace

### **Out to Lunch Bunch goes to The Blue Door!**

**Tuesday, November 1, 11:30am**

Join us for a great time! Enjoy interesting company and share travel stories as you linger over your no-host meal. The Blue Door welcomes you to a Mediterranean feel with classic and innovative dishes. Please register at the Cupertino Senior Center front desk so we can save you a seat. We will meet at the restaurant located at 1502 Saratoga Avenue in San Jose.

## Day Trips

### Lumination

**Sunday, November 6, 5:15-10:45pm**

**\$86 per person**

Join us in Gilroy Gardens for the magical nighttime light displays of Lumination, a festival of light celebrating over 2000 years of Chinese culture and tradition. For the first time ever on the West Coast, we will view colossal reproductions of historic landmarks like the Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, and Terra Cotta Warriors—as well as playful pandas, the mythical Qilin, and a giant dragon built from porcelain plates and bowls. These intricate light sculptures are fascinating by day and absolutely breathtaking at night. We'll enjoy an authentic Chinese buffet, along with a dinner show of live performers from Beijing, China. The roots of Lumination at Gilroy Gardens begin with the ancient art of Chinese lantern making in the Han Dynasty, a time of great innovation and scientific discovery. Originally, lanterns were made of silk or glass over fine wood. As lantern-making evolved into an elaborate art form, the lanterns became beautiful and significant features of Chinese festivals and special celebrations. As you walk the "Silk Road" path that winds through the Artisan Marketplace, you'll see talented artists from China at work as they practice traditional techniques that have been handed down through generations. The park's gorgeously landscaped gardens, trees, and water features provide the perfect natural backdrop for this splendid celebration of Chinese history and culture. The lanterns and light sculpture displays at Gilroy Gardens have been specially designed and constructed for this unique venue.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Dinner, admission, tips, and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate; walking at your own pace

### Cirque du Soleil presents *LUZIA*

**Friday, November 18, 12:15-7:30pm**

**\$139 per person**

Join us in San Francisco for an enchanting night under the Big Top! Discover *LUZIA*, where "a waking dream transports you to an imaginary Mexico." Experience a wondrous world that inspires you to explore your senses, with breathtaking acrobatics, innovative set design, and daring choreography. A cast of 44 artists from 15 different countries weave an intricate, contemporary mosaic that awakens your senses and transports you to a place suspended between dreams and reality in Cirque du Soleil's 38th production since 1984. Now in its fourth decade, Cirque du Soleil still invokes the imagination, provokes the senses and evokes the emotions of people around the world. Inspired by Mexico, *LUZIA* is a poetic and acrobatic ode to the rich, vibrant culture of a country whose wealth stems from an extraordinary mix of influences and creative collisions – a land that inspires awe with its breathtaking landscapes and architectural wonders, buoyed by the indomitable spirit of its people. Before the show, we will enjoy a no-host lunch and the multitude of shops at the Ferry Building Marketplace, located within the historic Ferry Building.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Admission, transportation, tips, and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low; walking at your own pace

**Registration continues until trip is full; waitlist available once trip is full.  
For registration information call (408) 777-3150.**

## Day Trips

### Holiday Poinsettias and Cheese Tour

**Tuesday, November 29, 8:30am-5pm**

**\$87 per person**

A sea of colorful holiday poinsettias awaits us as we enjoy a private tour of the Duarte Nursery. These gorgeous poinsettias are grown on site, in the nursery's state-of-the-art new modern greenhouses. Duarte Nursery grows over 60,000 poinsettias, with over 30 varieties and colors. After the tour you will have the opportunity to purchase (cash or check only) the poinsettias directly from the green house they are grown in. Duarte Nursery also has poinsettia triples, decorative bowls, and vases with poinsettias. After shopping for your holiday poinsettias, we will head over to Hilmar Cheese Company for a docent led motor coach tour of the facility, as well as a guided tour of the visitor center, where we will learn how cheese is made and explore interactive, hands-on exhibits about cows, dairies and cheese making. We'll watch Daisy's "moooovie" in the Cheese Theatre and watch employee's package the 540-pound "big cheese." Founded in 1984, Hilmar Cheese annually produces more cheese and whey from one site than any other manufacturer in the world. Enjoy a catered meal featuring their homemade "signature soup," Hilmar Cheese Chowder, along with a green salad. A selection of entrées will include Medallions of Salmon with lemon caper butter sauce and Breast of Chicken Dijon baked in a panko-parmesan crust, with seasonal vegetables and roasted potato medley. Delight in Hilmar's famous cheese pie for dessert!

- TRIP INCLUDES: Two docent-led tours, lunch, transportation, tips, and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate; two 30 minute walking tours

### Lighted Yacht Parade

**Saturday, December 3, 4:30-9pm**

**\$98 per person**

Join us on this magical evening of lights! Each year on the first Saturday in December, the Lighted Yacht Parade kicks off the holiday season and this is their 40th Anniversary! Watch as lighted yachts, sailboats, power boats, kayaks, and even paddle boarders drift by to compete for prizes and light up our world. Bay Area boat owners share in the holiday spirit by decorating their boats and participating in the parade. Hundreds of spectators gather along the waterfront at specified viewing areas or at restaurants that afford them a view of the Estuary. The parade will start at dark and proceed past the Encinal and Oakland Yacht Clubs where the judging will occur. The parade route runs right in front of the Pasta Pelican Restaurant where we will be enjoying dinner. The parade will sail the route two times to make sure all the boats have been appropriately judged, so we will be sure to see all the lighted yachts showing off their glitz and glam! Enjoy waterfront seating at the Pasta Pelican restaurant, where you'll enjoy a delicious Italian dinner including your choice of Salmon Picatta, Chicken Marsala, or Pasta with Meat or Marinara Sauce, along with Tiramisu for dessert! Nestled on the water's edge in Mariner Square, the Pasta Pelican restaurant and lounge offer spectacular views of the Oakland Estuary and Jack London Square. The atmosphere is warm, friendly, and relaxing, with fireplaces in both the restaurant and lounge.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Waterfront dining, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low

**Registration continues until trip is full; waitlist available once trip is full.  
For registration information call (408) 777-3150.**

## Day Trips

### **Beautiful Berkeley with Gary Holloway**

**Wednesday, December 7, 8am-5:30pm**

**\$129 per person**

Enjoy a day in Berkeley led by the one and only Gary Holloway and a private tour! Gary always has lots of interesting details to share with you. See many of the delights this beautiful city has to offer, and experience Gary's unique and engaging commentary before a delicious lunch and private tour of the UC Berkeley's film archives. You will enjoy a hosted lunch at the famous local hot spot, Spengler's Fresh Fish Grotto. Enjoy their famous Caesar salad, followed by your choice of entrée and crème brûlée for dessert. Spengler's Fish Grotto is full of historical maritime artifacts for you to enjoy. After experiencing Spengler's, you will head over to the new UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive for our second docent-led tour. BAMPFA is a showcase of international works of art and film from the leading edge. There are more than 19,000 works of art and 17,500 films and videos located within the "Bay Region's first thoroughly modern museum structure – a major work of art in itself."

- TRIP INCLUDES: Fabulous Gary, admission, docent-led tours, lunch, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate; with one walking tour

### **A Chanticleer Christmas at Mission Santa Clara**

**Thursday, December 22, 3:15-8:15pm**

**\$149 per person**

Celebrate the holiday season with joy and enjoy music old, new, and familiar! We will be serenaded by 12 tuxedo-clad gentlemen as this Grammy-award winning male vocal ensemble, Chanticleer, performs selections ranging from traditional carols from around the world, Gregorian chants, and African American spirituals. Chanticleer's performance is a glowing musical gift for a festive season. Rave reviews exclaim, "Their singing is powerful and soaring, their harmonies rich and crisp." This classically rich and resplendent Chanticleer Christmas performance at the historic Mission Santa Clara will include unique arrangements of beloved popular holiday carols and songs by Robert Shaw, Alice Parker, Joseph Jennings, and Robert de Cormier; as well as seasonal anthems and carols by respected American choral composers from William Billings, Charles Ives, and Steven Sametz. We'll enjoy a fabulous 3-course hosted dinner at Fiorillo's Italian Restaurant, which has been family owned since 1972! Fiorillo's has an exceptional reputation for quality, generous portions and consistently delectable Italian food.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Dinner, reserved seating, transportation, tips and travel staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Low; walking from bus to mission

### **Mardi Gras Travel Party at the Cupertino Senior Center**

**Tuesday, February 28**

Save the date! Come celebrate "New Orleans style" at our annual Mardi Gras Travel Party. This popular event will provide you with an opportunity to meet other seniors, enjoy light refreshments, and learn more about our exciting travel program of day trips, overnight and extended tours. Registration information will be available at a later date.



## Day Trips

### **SF MOMA – San Francisco Museum of Modern Art**

**Tuesday, January 10, 8:30am-3:15pm**

**\$94 per person**

Come join us for a private docent-led tour of the newly remodeled SFMOMA in San Francisco! Our tour will reveal highlights from its four collections: architecture and design, painting and sculpture, media arts, and photography. There will also be time to visit the seven levels of indoor and outdoor gallery space housing an internationally recognized collection of more than 30,000 artworks. The new SFMOMA has taken its place as a vital social and cultural hub for the Bay Area, and as one of the finest museums of modern and contemporary art in the world! Some inaugural exhibitions will include colorful metal mobiles by Alexander Calder, who revolutionized art in the early 1930s by introducing actual movement into his sculptural compositions. Pop, Minimal, and Figurative Art will show works from the 1960s and beyond and features renowned artists including Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, Chuck Close, Philip Guston, Donald Judd, and Sol LeWitt. Take a break for a no-host lunch at one of the dining establishments at the museum. Enjoy California-fusion fare in the tranquil Café 5 and relax by its sculpture garden. In Situ, chef Corey Lee, recipient of three Michelin stars, has re-imagined the fine-dining experience by creating a menu of dishes contributed by over 80 chefs from around the world. This ground-floor restaurant will accept reservations, and also features a spacious lounge for walk-in guests. Sightglass is a local artisanal coffee purveyor serving up handcrafted coffee creations and an assortment of pastries.

- TRIP INCLUDES: Private Docent-led Tour, Museum Admission, Transportation, Tips and Travel Staff
- ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate; one-hour walking tour, and walking at your own pace through museum exhibits

## Extended Trips

### ***Share Discovery through Travel. Explore! Dream! Discover!***

#### **Cruise on the Panama Canal – October 30-November 16**

- Grand Cayman, Panama City, Costa Rica, Puerto Corinto, Guatemala, Cabo San Lucas.

#### **Southern Charm – Coming in 2017**

- Experience the history, charm and singular hospitality of the Low Country in Georgia and South Carolina including Charleston, Savannah and the United States' oldest City, St. Augustine, Florida.

#### **Canadian Rockies by Train – Coming in 2017**

- Board VIA Rail's The Canadian for an overnight train journey with panoramic views of snow-capped mountains, glacial lakes, rushing rivers and the seer unspoiled wilderness of Canada.

**Detailed Trip Brochures are available at the Cupertino Senior Center.  
For more information contact Alex Corbalis, Travel Coordinator, 408-777-3375.**